IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Thomas GOSTELOW

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For: TRACHEOSTOMY DEVICE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Before examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amend claims 1-10.